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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PBOR, SV, NO

SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN FISHING PROTECTION ZONE AROUND SVALBARD

REF: STATE 163809

1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON MFA LEGAL ADVISER (AND ACTING HEAD OF LEGAL DIVISION) PER TRESSELT JULY 19 AND DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE RESERVING OUR POSITION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NORWEGIAN FISHERIES ZONE AROUND SVALBARD. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE (AS PER PARA SIX STATE 163809) WILL BE POUCHED JULY 22.

2. EMBOFFS, DRAWING ON REFTEL EMPHASIZED TO TRESSELT THAT OUR RESERVATION IN NO WAY DIMINISHED OUR TRADITIONAL SUPPORT FOR NORWEGIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER SVALBARD BUT WAS INTENDED MERELY TO PROTECT WHATEVER LEGAL RIGHTS THE UNITED STATES MIGHT HAVE UNDER THE TREATY OF SPITSBERGEN. IT SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE OF MAY 7, 1976 AND OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF NOVEMBER 20, 1974 ON THE SAME SUBJECT. EMBOFFS INFORMED TRESSELT WE DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE THE NOTE PUBLIC.

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3. TRESSELT SAID THAT OUR ACTION CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO HIM AS FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAD BEEN TOLD DURING HIS JULY 10-11 WASHINGTON VISIT TO EXPECT THE AMERICAN RESERVATION, AND TRESSELT HIMSELF HAD RECENTLY BEEN BRIEFED ON THE USG'S THINKING ON THE SUBJECT BY A MEMBER OF THE LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE.

4. HOWEVER, TRESSELT SAID HE DID FEEL OUR RESERVATION WAS

SOMEWHAT PREMATURE AS THE NONDISCRIMINATORY FISHING REGULATIONS

HAD YET TO BE ISSUED.

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